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NAIROBI FOR CODEL DIGGS

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SUBJ: CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

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1. DCM CALLED ON GUINEA-BISSAU EMBASSY COUNSELOR ALFONSO GOMES JUNE 27 TO DISCUSS CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. GOMES HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ISLANDS VIA BISSAU.

2. GOMES SAID CAPE VERDES ARE STILL INVOLVED IN ACTIVE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN TO CULMINATE IN JUNE 30 ELECTION OF 56 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL THEN CHOOSE PRESIDENT. WHEN ASKED FOR HIS JUDGMENT ON OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS, GOMES PREDICTED OVERWHELMING VICTORY FOR PAIGC AND SAID ARISTIDES PEREIRA WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK FOR PARTY BOTH ON MAINLAND AND IN ISLANDS. GOMES SAID THERE IS NOW NO QUESTION BUT THAT WHILE MAINLAND AND ISLAND BRANCHES OF PARTY WILL BE UNITED, THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS, FLAGS, NATIONAL ANTHEMS, AND MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDES. IN COMES' OPINION PEDRO PIREZ IS PRIME CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF

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CAPE VERDES STATE.

3. GOMES REPEATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR US GOVERNMENT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO JULY 5 CEREMONIES. HE SAID THAT BOTH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CAPE VERDES AND PAIGC SECRETARY GENERAL IN BISSAU HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO EXTEND INVITATIONS THROUGH U.S. EMBASSY IN DAKAR TO SENATORS EDWARD BROOK AND EDWARD KENNEDY AND TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS. DCM AGREED TO TRANSMIT THOSE INVITATIONS, WHICH IS ACCOMPLISHED REFTEL.

4. GOMES SAID THAT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VISITORS WOULD BE ASSURED IN SMALL HOTELS, SCHOOL ROOMS, PRIVATE HOMES, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD DEFINITELY BE SPARTAN BUT THAT ALL INVITED GUESTS WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP AND FOOD WOULD BE AVAILABLE. ALL EXPENSES OF TRANSPORTATION, AND POSSIBLY SOME OF LIVING EXPENSES, WOULD HAVE TO BE BORNE BY GUESTS THEMSELVES SINCE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS IN VERY SERIOUS FINANCIAL STRAITS.

5. CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION, GOMES RECOMMENDED THAT GUESTS ARRIVE BEFORE JULY 5 SINCE CELEBRATIONS START EARLY THAT DAY. HOWEVER, HE MENTIONED SPECIAL FLIGHT BEING ORGANIZED FOR PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO ARRIVE IN PRAIA FROM LISBON EARLY JULY 5 AND RETURN SAME DAY TO LISBON. AS OF NOW NO OFFICIAL SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION HAS BEEN INVITED BUT THIS IS STILL POSSIBILITY, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL (TRAVEL AGENCY) SOURCE. IF GOS DEL DOES GET ORGANIZED LATER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT IT WILL TRAVEL ON SPECIAL FLIGHT. REPORTEDLY SOME SENEGALESE JOURNALISTS HAVE INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS.

6. A LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY (TRANSCAP) HAS NOW SCHEDULED DC-3 (OR SIMILAR AIRCRAFT) FLIGHTS DAKAR-PRAIA AT 0900 ON BOTH JULY 2 AND 3. IN ANTICIPATION THAT CODEL DIGGS PARTY OF 4 AND POSSIBLY SENATORS KENNEDY AND/OR BROOKS MAY WISH USE THAT TRANSPORTATION, WE HAVE RESERVED SIX SEATS ON JULY 3 FLIGHT DAKAR-PRAIA. RETURN FLIGHT WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR EITHER LATE JULY 5 OR, MORE LIKELY, EARLY JULY 6. WE HAVE ASSURANCE FROM TRANSCAP THAT SIX SEATS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE RESERVED ON THAT FLIGHT ALSO TO RETURN ANY AMERICAN GUESTS TO DAKAR. GIVEN UNCERTAINTIES CONNECTED WITH SPECIAL FLIGHTS BEING ARRANGED DAKAR-PRAIA-DAKAR AS WELL AS PROBLEM OF OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS IN PRAIA, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ANY TRAVELLERS COMING FROM US AND/OR LISBON GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO EMPLOYING ANY AVAILABLE LISBON-CAPE VERDES-LISBON OPTION.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION FROM CODEL DIGGS AND FROM DEPARTMENT (FOR SENATORS OR THEIR REPS) WHETHER EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS ON FLIGHTS MENTIONED ABOVE OR WHETHER TRAVEL PLANNED LISBON ROUTE. COST FOR DAKAR-PRAIA-DAKAR CHARTER SEATS HAVE NOT BEEN DECIDED BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN DAY OR SO. THESE COSTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.  
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